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FLORIDA, WASHINGTON, D.C. LEAD IN UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS--Florida heads the list of states attracting the greatest percentage of new residents versus people moving away during 1985, according to a migration pattern study conducted by United Van Lines, one of the world's largest movers of household goods. Of the 21,626 shipments handled by United to and from the state of Florida, 61.9 percent were inbound.

Based upon more than 162,000 household goods shipments United serviced in 50 states during 1985, the study showed once again that the District of Columbia had a high in-migration percentage due to governmental changes and military transfers. The District has consistently led United's list of high inbound areas since the study began nine years ago. In 1985, the District's inbound traffic was calculated at 72.1 percent.

Total inbound and outbound shipments handled by United were compared state by state in the study. If 55 percent or more of relocation activity was inbound, the state was considered to have high inbound migration.

United's migration pattern study showed states in the south and northeast are gaining more inbound than outbound shipments. Besides Florida, the District of Columbia and Arizona, states considered to have a high in-migration status include Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Maine, Vermont and Oregon.

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"Much of the movement in recent years has been to the sunbelt states," said United's President Robert J. Baer. "But individuals and corporations are also attracted to the Northeast and Pacific Northwest."

States with the highest out-migration were Michigan, Rhode Island, Ohio and Indiana. A state is considered to have high outbound migration if 44.9 percent or less of total activity is inbound. Michigan, Rhode Island and Ohio each had inbound activity of 43.9 percent. Indiana's inbound activity was measured at 43.6 percent. Other states with high out-migration were Wyoming, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Kansas, Montana, Illinois, Iowa, West Virginia, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Twenty-five states experienced an approximate balance between outbound and inbound movement, the United study revealed. This means that between 45 and 54.9 percent of the activity was inbound.

Five states accounted for 37 percent of all household goods shipments handled by United. These states were California (37,863 shipments), Illinois (14,293 shipments), Texas (31,545 shipments), Florida (21,626 shipments) and New York (13,606 shipments).

Texas, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii which were listed among the high in-migration states in 1984, appeared balanced in 1985. High inbound activity in Delaware, Maine, Vermont and Maryland elevated these states from balanced to a high in-migration status.

Rhode Island was a new high out-migration state in 1985 compared to the 1984 study in which it was balanced.

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United Van Lines is one of the world's largest movers of household goods and has more than 1,100 agents in 150 countries around the globe. The van line specializes in the transportation of electronic equipment, trade show exhibits, art displays, plant equipment and office furnishings, and also serves as a carrier for special commodities and newly manufactured products. United's world headquarters is in suburban St. Louis.

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(BASED ON OVER 162,000 SHIPMENTS)
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STATE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS	OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS	INBOUND SHIPMENTS	% INBOUND SHIPMENTS
ALABAMA	4,740	2,504	2,236	47.2
ALASKA	598	282	316	52.8
ARIZONA	8,368	3,287	5,081	60.7
ARKANSAS	2,067	998	1,069	51.7
CALIFORNIA	37,863	17,290	20,573	54.3
COLORADO	11,038	5,850	5,188	47.0
CONNECTICUT	4,706	2,150	2,556	54.3
DELAWARE	939	400	539	57.4
D.C.	1,029	287	742	72.1
FLORIDA	21,626	8,247	13,379	61.9
GEORGIA	10,932	4,525	6,407	58.6
HAWAII	767	351	416	54.2
IDAHO	1,439	761	678	47.1
ILLINOIS	14,293	8,730	5,563	38.9
INDIANA	4,433	2,499	1,934	43.6
IOWA	2,334	1,443	891	38.2
KANSAS	5,505	3,327	2,178	39.6
KENTUCKY	3,751	1,783	1,968	52.5
LOUISIANA	4,709	2,500	2,209	46.9
MAINE	1,518	661	857	56.5
MARYLAND	5,776	2,598	3,178	55.0
MASSACHUSETTS	8,082	4,137	3,945	48.8
MICHIGAN	9,057	5,077	3,980	43.9
MINNESOTA	5,739	3,254	2,485	43.3
MISSISSIPPI	1,952	1,014	938	48.1
MISSOURI	7,514	3,965	3,549	47.2
MONTANA	1,336	809	527	39.4
NEBRASKA	2,033	1,097	936	46.0
NEVADA	2,397	1,150	1,247	52.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,770	855	915	51.7
NEW JERSEY	9,196	4,624	4,572	49.7
NEW MEXICO	3,098	1,593	1,505	48.6
NEW YORK	13,606	7,849	5,757	42.3
NORTH CAROLINA	10,366	5,526	4,840	46.7
NORTH DAKOTA	1,452	1,040	412	28.4
OHIO	10,743	6,029	4,714	43.9
OKLAHOMA	3,636	1,881	1,755	48.3
OREGON	3,175	1,422	1,753	55.2
PENNSYLVANIA	9,328	5,392	3,936	42.2
RHODE ISLAND	1,014	569	445	43.9
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,205	1,946	2,259	53.7
SOUTH DAKOTA	853	515	338	39.6
TENNESSEE	5,419	2,598	2,821	52.1
TEXAS	31,545	14,654	16,891	53.5
UTAH	2,230	1,117	1,113	49.9
VERMONT	721	314	407	56.4
VIRGINIA	10,225	4,557	5,668	55.4
WASHINGTON	6,886	3,113	3,773	54.8
WEST VIRGINIA	1,302	846	456	35.0
WISCONSIN	5,683	3,937	1,746	30.7
WYOMING	1,469	829	640	43.6

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UNITED STATES MIGRATION PATTERNS IN 1985
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